

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NO. PGA-01-70
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**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING
AND CLOSING DOCKET**

(Issued December 18, 2001)

On October 1, 2001, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its Annual Gas Cost Reconciliation filing for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001. The filing has been identified as Docket No. PGA-01-70. On October 17, 2001, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an answer, conditional objection, and response to Peoples' annual reconciliation filing. Consumer Advocate stated that the filing is voluminous and complex and Consumer Advocate needed additional time to complete its review. Consumer Advocate also stated that the refund indicated in the filing should be made immediately rather than delayed by the objection.

The Board docketed the annual filing by order issued October 31, 2001. On November 27, 2001, Consumer Advocate filed a "Withdrawal of Conditional Objection." Consumer Advocate indicated that it had completed its review of the annual filing and as a result of that review was withdrawing its conditional objection.

The Board has reviewed the annual filing and finds that the information provided supports the over-collection reflected in the filing. The total over-collection is approximately \$8,012,536. Pursuant to 199 IAC 19.10(7), Peoples will refund the over-collection by bill credit or check. The Board will require Peoples to file a refund plan for Board approval and a report of the refund when the refund is completed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The annual purchased cost of gas reconciliation filing made by Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., on October 1, 2001, is approved and Docket No. PGA-01-70 is closed.
2. Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., shall file a refund plan that refunds the over-collection in the January 2002 billing cycle. A report of the amounts refunded shall be filed within 30 days after the refund is completed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of December, 2001.